

WEAK POINTS OF COLLEGE PLAYERS

They Are All Right in Defensive Play, but Poor When on Offensive

LACK THE QUALITIES OF PROFESSIONALS

Baseball, as Played by Students, Is a Pleasure, While With Others It Is a Business. Schoolmen Have Not the Opportunity for Real Development.

Baseball as played by college students suffers much in comparison with the game as played by professionals. Anybody who has followed professional and college baseball closely must have marked the wide difference in quality between the two—that is, taking the best college baseball and the best professional baseball as expounded by the teams of the big leagues.

It isn't that the college players are lacking in intelligence as applied to the national game. The reason for the difference is that baseball is a business with one, a side issue with the other.

Rating the playing of the major league teams at 100 per cent, the college game would be 75 per cent. In fielding, 50 per cent. in batting, 60 per cent. in pitching and 33 1-3 per cent. in base running.

The college fielding is within a quarter as good as the big league fielding, but the batting is only one-half as good and the base running only one-third as good. In short, the college game is weaker in batting and base running than in fielding and pitching.

The college player knows less of the inside game, the offense of baseball, than he does of defense, as compared to the best professionals.

These figures are the estimate of David Fultz, who formerly played with the Philadelphia Athletics, and whom nobody is better qualified to express an opinion on the subject. Fultz was a first-class college player, a first-class professional player and has had success as a coach. Therefore he has had opportunities to acquire knowledge of the professional and college game from all angles.

"With the college man," he says, "baseball is more of a conscious effort. The professional, on the other hand, does the same things by intuition, through an intuition born of experience, long training along certain lines makes the game second nature to him."

"Does the professional play the game more intelligently than the college man?"

"He does in so far as it is a business with him. His life is given up to it, is spent with men who are his peers in that calling. He comes in daily contact with the most advanced baseball that is played, and he becomes capable of doing things that the college man knows about, but hasn't the ability to perform; for instance, the squeeze play and the hit-and-run play."

"But why haven't the college men the ability to perform these plays?"

"Lack of opportunity. The college man plays baseball about two months and a half in the year, and then meets an opponent about twice a week. Moreover, the teams are not as good as the professional teams, and he is not as a rule, of the same baseball grade as his own."

"And when it comes to learning the weak and strong points of his opponents' play and making the most of them, you can remember that, in the college game, the professional is not more than three times in the season at the most. The professional has the advantage of playing against the same even teams for six months at a stretch."

In answer to a question whether the collegian had the natural mental ability of the professional, needing only the experience to bring it out, Fultz said:

"Yes, his mental call is such that with the same experience and sense of physical ability he would make a better player as soon as he overcame the certain nervousness in executing the game, grew accustomed to the excitement and the surroundings."

"College base running is a good way behind the professional game," continued Fultz, "and it is an idea of mine that it is farther behind than it should be. I've seen college teams that never attempt to do anything in base running, and then state that they are the bases when the opposing catcher was weak in throwing, and the opposing pitcher didn't know how to hold them close to the bases."

"Again, the opposing baseman didn't know how to touch a man sliding to a base. The chances consequently were all in favor of the base runner, yet he made no effort to take advantage of the percentage in his favor. The college player runs fast enough, but he is slower than the professional in getting a lead and doesn't slide as skillfully."

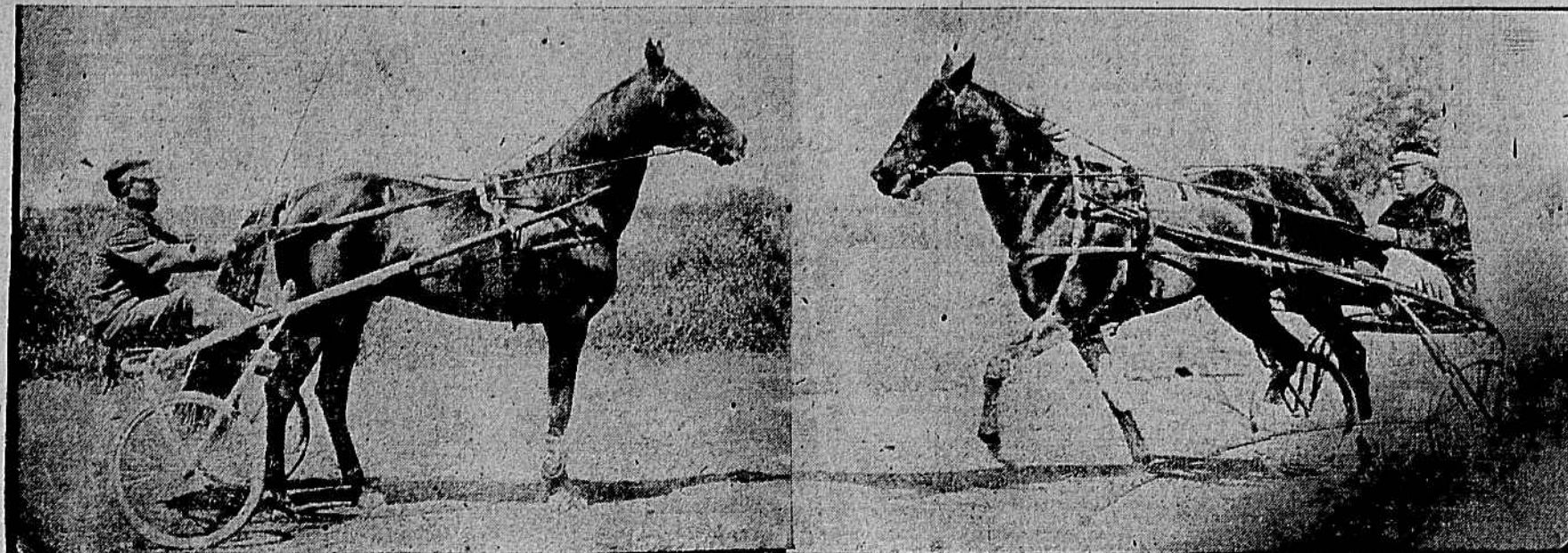
"I know that when I was in college I never attempted to steal as I would have done, though I always could run fast and slide well." (Fultz was one of the best sliders professional baseball ever had.) "I didn't realize until later that many a time in college games I could have tried to steal and got away with it. I suppose I improved 50 per cent. in base running after leaving college and about 25 per cent. in batting and 10 per cent. in fielding. Of course, I learned a great deal of baseball as a professional I never knew at college, especially about the execution of plays and the time to try them."

"College men are tired eyes." "Baseball as played by college students requires perfect eyesight—batting more than anything else in the game. I don't mean that going to college is bad for one's eyesight, when one is studying a good deal, his eyes naturally get tired, and that has at least a temporary effect on his batting."

"I think it is the tendency of the coach to expect too much from the college players, the coach having seen a good deal of professional baseball, while some of the professionals have seen little, or even none of it. For

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TWO OF LAST SEASON'S MOST REMARKABLE PERFORMERS



Champion pacer of 1908 and joint holder of the world's light harness race record, 2:00 1/4, recently sold M. W. Savage, who paid \$45,000 to P. C. Isaacs for him.

Premier three-year-old trotter of 1908. The actual training and education of this turf wonder occupied only a single season.

WINTER SPORTS BEING ENJOYED

Gymnasiums and Other Features Mark a Merry Week at Pinehurst.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] PINEHURST, N. C., January 16.—With all the hotels in the village system opened and some 400 guests thus early quartered here, the week marks the mid-season's commencement, and witnesses increasing interest in social affairs, both indoors and out, delightful weather keeping all much in the open air.

Enjoyed by the entire village are the usual gymnasiums, the opening contest of the season's program attracting a field of finished riders, and the program afforded novelty and variety, with events which called for nerve and skill predominating, and the contest attracting several hundred people.

Points counting ten and five were awarded first and second in each event, and prizes for the highest total number of points were given at the close. Mrs. I. D. H. Ralph, of Philadelphia, and Miss Daphne Taylor, of Lynn, won the women's trophies. Mr. J. S. Walker, of Orange, Va., led the men with a liberal margin, with Mr. William H. Browning, of New York, and Mr. Gifford Horton, of Williamsport, tied for second. Mr. Browning winning the loss. The judges were Mr. C. T. Parker, of New York; Mr. Edward L. Croix, of New York; and Miss Theodora Clough, of Lynn.

Scarf Race. Interest centered in the "scarf race," the event being ridden in pairs down the track and back against time, at a pace which made the crowd hold its breath.

Mrs. Leonard Tufts, of Boston, and Mr. Browning led, with twenty-nine seconds. Miss Taylor and Mr. Horton making second with thirty and one-fifth seconds, and Mrs. Ralph and Mr. Walker third at thirty-three and one-fifth seconds.

The last ring contest proved as popular as ever, the trick being to ride down the track and back, gathering in suspended rings by aid of a pointed staff on the way, a time limit of forty seconds precluding the possibility of lagging. The accident happened when six rings in twenty-seven seconds. Mr. Browning a hot second with five rings in the same period. Mr. Horton landed for four rings in twenty-two seconds. Miss Taylor three rings in thirty-one and two-fifths seconds, and Mrs. Ralph the same number in thirty-two and four-fifths seconds.

Bow Pursuit Race. The bow pursuit race was ridden in several heats. Mr. Walker and Mrs. Ralph winning the ribbons, and also leading in the potato race, in which the elusive bows were picked up on the point of a stick and transferred across the ring within the time limit, other numbers calculated to amuse rounding out the afternoon.

Among the numerous social affairs were dinners, dances, teas and entertainments, planned in honor of the visiting golfers, the week as a whole leaving few open dates on the social calendar.

Fox-hunting continues to attract increasing attention, hunts being held regularly twice a week, and regular scheduled baseball games announced for the balance of the season. Much interest will be centered in the annual midwinter trap shooting tournament, which will fill in the coming week.

My Star's Career Ended. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BOSTON, January 16.—My Star, 2:03 3/4, one of the finest on the turf in the season of 1908, broke a leg this morning. The accident happened when the trainer was having the star performer for a short spin. He slipped with the foot, and before the driver could pull him up My Star's career was ended. Help was quickly at hand, and the horse was brought to Boston for treatment.

My Star was owned by John and Lotta Crabtree, of Quantum, and had been kept at the stable in that place since the fall of 1908. His banner year on the turf. He was one of the bargains of the year 1908, having been bought by John Crabtree for \$25,000. My Star's victory at Roadville in 1906 was one of the most popular of the year.

After Virginia League Franchise. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., January 16.—Despite the fact that J. J. Gilm, former owner of the Lynchburg team in the Virginia League, has been awarded the Salt Lake City franchise in the new intermountain league, it is known that he would prefer to be the owner of a team in this circuit, and that he has offered a good price for the Portsmouth franchise. He has also made an offer for the Roanoke franchise, but neither of them can be bought, and both will put strong teams in the field next season.

STAKE FEATURES FOR GRAVESEND

Brooklyn Jockey Club Is Now Preparing for Its Spring Meeting.

At least three well known stake events will be secured at the spring meeting of the Brooklyn Jockey Club at Gravesend this year. They are the Brooklyn Derby, for three-year-olds, one for three-year-olds at a mile, and the Gazelle, for three-year-old fillies at a mile and one-sixteenth.

It is generally believed that a Brooklyn handicap will be run as usual, and that the date for nominations will be fixed for some time in April or early in May, so that the field will include those horses that are fit for racing at that time of the season. P. J. Dwyer announced last fall that both Gravesend and Aqueduct would give racing meetings this year, regardless of the policy of the other tracks, and he has not changed his plans. He thinks that racing can be conducted without a loss, and that in due time the old popularity will return.

Will Camp On His Trail. Tom Sharkey said to-day that he would make a statement in which he would intimate a willingness to clinch a match with Jack Johnson and post a forfeit as a guarantee of good faith.

Sharkey says that as soon as Johnson arrives in New York City he will camp on his trail.

Going to England. Whether he defeats Leach Cross in a ten-round bout at the Fairmount A. C. next Thursday or not, Young Otto, the local lightweight slugger, says he will sail for England on January 30th.

Anson Down and Out. Adrian C. Anson, baseball's famous leader for many years, says he is down and out financially, in explaining an action yesterday, in which he could not pay a bill of \$11. Anson said that all his belongings consist of a baseball bat and glove and three old balls.

Auto Show Is On. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW YORK, January 16.—Cold and snow appeared to have little effect upon the attendance at the opening of the annual automobile show of the Associated Licensed Automobile Manufacturers in Madison Square Garden to-night, for every aisle was crowded with visitors before the show was an hour old. In spite of the unpleasant weather, there were quite a number of men and women who showed up at the building some time before the doors were thrown open at 8 o'clock.

BRILLIANT PLAY, MARKED LAST DAY

Advertising Men's Tournament Closes With Fine Work on the Links.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] PINEHURST, N. C., January 16.—The advertising men's golf tournament ended to-day in a blaze of brilliant play. J. P. Knapp, of New York, winning the first division cup in the nine-hole final, with W. Smedley, of Philadelphia, and Charles Presbrey, of New York, winning the consolation from J. J. Hazen, of Bay Side, L. I., two up and one to play.

The second division was won by W. J. MacDonald, of Chicago; the third by W. M. Sanford, of Glen Ridge; the fourth by V. A. Seggerman, of New York; the fifth by A. S. Higgins, of Yonkers, and the sixth by J. H. Otley, of New York.

Medal Play. In connection with the day's play was a medal play handicap, in which prizes were won by B. H. Ridder, Z. T. Miller and Robert Frothingham, of New York; Major J. J. Morrow, of Washington; E. Chichester, of Boston, and W. J. MacDonald, of Chicago, and a match play handicap for women, won by Mrs. W. Smith, of Boston, as well as a putting competition of the same character, in which Mrs. W. S. Bird, of New York, led.

T. W. Weeks, of Cornwall, N. Y., won a match play consolation event arranged for those who failed to qualify in the first division of play in the first division follows:

First Division, semi-final—W. Smedley, Philadelphia, beat H. V. Seggerman, New York, one up (nineteen holes); J. P. Knapp, New York, beat L. A. Hamilton, New York, four and three. Final—Knapp beat Smedley, one up (nineteen holes).

Consolation, semi-final—J. P. Gardner, Chicago, beat Frederick Snare, Englewood, three and two; Charles Presbrey, New York, beat J. J. Hazen, Bay Side, L. I., two and one. Final—Presbrey beat Snare, two and one.

WOULD TERMINATE FIGHTS.

Senator Gallinger Has Plan to Put End to River Sport.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 16.—Senator Gallinger has a plan to terminate the holding of prize fights on vessels anchored in the Potomac River between the city of Washington and Alexandria, Va.

Senator Gallinger has introduced a bill providing that no boats on which prize fighting takes place shall be permitted to use wharf property in the District of Columbia. As practically all vessels playing on the Potomac River are compelled to use Washington wharf property, it is believed that prize fighting can be stopped.

STATE BOWLING LEAGUE FORMED

Teams Organized in Richmond, Lynchburg, Norfolk and Portsmouth—Opening To-morrow.

At a meeting of the Virginia Bowling Association at the Newport Alloys Friday night, the Virginia State Bowling League was organized, with teams from Richmond, Lynchburg, Portsmouth and Norfolk. The officers of the league are: President, James Kain; Secretary, J. H. Kelly; Treasurer, J. F. Knowles; General Manager, E. G. Whitman.

The league will open to-morrow night at the Newport Alloys and will close on the night of April 19th. Following are the members of the teams: Richmond—Whitman, captain; Briley, Dowling, L. S. Bagby and Henner. Lynchburg—Hart, captain; Ryland, Pinker, Blair and Augustine. Norfolk—Knowles, captain; Burgess, Carmack, L. Bagby and Lloyd. Portsmouth—Kain, captain; Kelly, Jennings, Ramsey and Boone.

Two new tenpin teams also were organized last week, one to represent the Federal Cigar Company and the other Swift & Co. The players are: Federal Cigar Company—Menting, captain; Whitman, Briley, Kelly and Bell. Swift & Co.—Dowling, captain; Spilling, Sutterlin, Anderson and Schumaker.

Following were the high scores made last week at the Newport Alloys: Tonpins—Whitman 265; Spilling, 258; Roy 258; Sutterlin 248; Blanton, 244; Blair 244; Dowling 235; Gillen, 227; Leibs 223; Carter, 207; Henner, 204, and Lunnes, 201. Duckpins—Kelly, 149; Gordon, 146; Whitman, 145; Han, 139; Knowles, 132; Lindsey, 130; Bagby, 130; Toombs, 124; Bagby, 118; Burgess, 124; Lloyd, 114; Ryland, 112; Macker, 109; Carmack, 109, and Lublett, 109.

Wrighton Get Patent.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WASHINGTON, January 16.—A patent has been granted to Orville and Wilbur Wright, the airplane inventors, of Dayton, O., for a new machine for flexing the rudder of a flying machine. The invention relates to the mechanism for moving the rudders or controlling planes of aeronautical machines, and is in the nature of an improvement on the Wright machine. The purpose of it is thus described in the specifications:

To provide a mechanism whereby the front and rear edges of a flexible rudder will be positively actuated at different angular velocities, and to adjust the rudder to the desired angle relative to its normal position."

FOUR REGULARS HAVE RETURNED

With This Nucleus to Work on North Carolina Expects to Have Winning Team.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CHAPEL HILL, N. C., January 16.—The baseball and track season will soon be here. Only four of Carolina's regulars of last year's baseball team and three substitutes have returned to college. The regulars are Captain Hamilton, Stewart, Fountain and Hackney. The substitutes who have returned are Dula, Tillitt and Wadsworth. With seven men from last year's team as a nucleus to build on, together with the promising new material that is available, Carolina promises to put out a strong team.

Rod Howard, who made such a good record as a twirler last year, will no doubt be Carolina's mainstay in the box this season. Dula, who also pitched good ball, promises to make a valuable man. He is a southpaw, and has all the requisites of a good pitcher. Captain Hamilton, who played such a steady game at first base last year, will hold down the same position again.

The athletic authorities and students body are all very much pleased that Coach Stockdale has again been secured. He is very popular among the student body and the players. He will arrive on February the 12th to begin work with the candidates. He is a stickler for work, and says that this season he intends working the men harder than ever.

Stars Track Work.

Captain Shaw, of the track team, has announced that track work will begin next week. When the weather is too bad for outdoor work the men will work in the gymnasium. Association football will be played so the men can develop their legs. Manager Eames has announced that he is endeavoring to arrange to have two meets at Chapel Hill, and one in some other college town.

In past years interest in track athletics at Carolina has been on the wane. This branch of sport has not received the attention that it is due. However, this year, with three men in view there should be enough candidates to insure a lively competition for the various positions. Captain Garrett, of the 1908 football team, will have all of the football men to do track work this spring.

A large number of students play basketball every afternoon on the new court. This game was just started here last fall, and it is hoped that by next year the university will be able to put out a team, as do its sister Southern institutions. At a meeting of the Basketball Association Monday afternoon it was decided to divide the candidates for the team into four squads, and to have these four teams play each other for the championship. It is hoped that from these four teams can be developed a team that can represent Carolina in intercollegiate basketball.

College Annual. The college annual, the Yackety Yack, promises this year to be one of the best and most representative that has been gotten out at the university in years.

The cover will be tan cowhide, and the name, date and seal will be stamped in gold on this cover, besides some suitable design stamped in blank. The material that has been offered for the interior is all good. The business managers say that the annual will be ready for delivery by May the 1st.

Mr. J. R. Allison, a member of the sophomore class, had the misfortune to break his arm last Monday afternoon while turning a handspring in the gymnasium.

TO MANAGE ACADEMY TEAM

Walter J. Nott Will Head Baseball Nine This Spring.

At a recent meeting of the Athletic Association of the Richmond Academy, Walter J. Nott was elected manager of the academy baseball team for the season of 1909. He is now arranging a schedule for the season and promising that there will be a number of matches in addition to those of the Interparatory League of the city.

The candidates for the academy track team are out every day training for the several meets that are to be held here in the spring. Richard W. Vaughan, the manager of the team, expects to enter men in nearly all of the events of both the indoor and outdoor meets in May. The outlook for the track team is especially promising. The applicants for the track team are: Augustine, Briggs, Campbell, Cottrell, Davidson, Gilman, Cohen, Johnson, McPhail, Nott, Perkins, Rose, C. P. Vaughan and R. W. Vaughan. The men are being trained by C. L. Bowen, the gymnasium instructor, and also are running with the men at Richmond College under the direction of Coach Dunham.

RICHMOND WILL BE REPRESENTED

Local College Match Meet Georgetown at Annual Indoor Meet

FAST SPRINTERS WILL RUN IN RELAY RACE

Events Will Be Held in Armory of Fifth Regiment, Baltimore, Under Auspices of Johns Hopkins University—Many of East's Big Teams Will Be on Hand.

Johns Hopkins University will hold its thirteenth annual indoor meet on the 30th of this month in the spacious Fifth Regiment Armory, in Baltimore. The program for that night includes handicap and open events for schools, colleges, Y. M. C. A.'s and athletic clubs. The main features seem to be the relay races, which always hold good with the followers of these games. The colleges of the South Atlantic Association and many of the big teams of the East are represented at this meet every year, and records are endangered annually by the competitors.

The floor of the armory allows for an eighth of a mile track and a 100-yard straightaway, which is one of the finest in the country. It was on this track that Victor, Virginia's great sprinter, made a new world's mark for the 100-yard dash, covering the distance in 10 seconds flat, and lowering the record of 10 1-5 seconds, held by Schick, of Harvard.

Richmond College will represent this city in this meet, being matched to run Georgetown University in a relay race. Virginia, last year's winner of the point trophy, will be on hand with its usual crop of fast sprinters and hurdlers, together with the combination in the jumps, which has won quite a name for them in the collegiate world.

The University of Pennsylvania was represented last year by a strong team in the individual events. Jones, of Red and Blue captain, making a new South Atlantic record in the mile-run. The Quakers are sure to be in the front this year, having the crack half-mile, Baker, formerly of Swarthmore College, on their string, who is also credited with the best time for this section in his distance.

Hurdle Race. The 100-yard hurdle race should be exceptionally close, as four of last year's competitors are sure to be on the marks for this event. Myrtle, Randolph and Holliday, of Virginia, an Captain Hartman, of Pennsylvania, having had it nip and tuck in the last race, are certain to make things hum in the next topping of the timbers.

The program of events, in detail, is as follows:

Intercollegiate Events—100-yard dash (handicap), 440-yard run (handicap), Scratch Events (Open)—880-yard run.

Handicap Events (Open)—100-yard dash, 220-yard dash, 440-yard dash, one-mile run, 100-yard hurdles, sixteen-pound shot-put, high jump, pole vault, Inter-Collegiate Relay Races (Open only to members of Fifth Regiment).

Relay Races—Schools, colleges, Y. M. C. A.'s and athletic clubs.

MEMPHIS GETS STINSON

Star Outfielder of Richmond Pennant-Winners Goes With Southern League.

George C. Stinson, the star outfielder of the Richmond pennant-winners of 1908, has been signed to romp around the diamond for the Memphis team of the Southern League, this season. By his heavy swinging and unerring judgment in getting after the batted horseshoe Stinson won for himself a warm place in the hearts of the Richmond fans last year, and they are convinced that he will make good in the far South.

He played here in fifty-five games, and was the star stickler in the Virginia circuit, smashing out sixty-five bingles in 195 times at the bat, thus gathering in a grand average of .323. Besides he crossed the pan with twenty-six tallies. He erred but thrice in fielding, accepting 106 chances, including 100 flies and line drives.

INVINCIBLES WIN.

Heavy Batting and Errors by Opponents Turn the Trick.

Heavy batting, coupled with errors by the opposing team, was responsible for the runs of the Invincibles in their game with the Hustlers at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium last night, the final score being 10 to 5. The winning nine pointed Dula for a number of bases last year, and they are convinced that he will make good in the far South.

The line-up in the game was as follows: Invincibles—Robinson, pitcher; the maul catcher; R. Lawrence, first base; Corkran, right short; Sutherland, second base; Zink, third base; and right field.

Hustlers—Dodd, pitcher; Ridd, first base; Cullen, second base; and the left shore Davis, third base. In the junior class games yesterday morning Cooby's team defeated Padgett's five in basketball 45 to 17. The Kickapooe trimmed the Mohicans in the contest between these teams of the boys' class. The youngsters are tied in total of points, each having 31.

Wrestlers Meet To-morrow.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., January 16.—John Streech, of Peterson, N. J., a heavyweight, and Bert Hudson, a welterweight, promise to give local lovers of the sport one of the best wrestling matches yet pulled out here when they meet to-morrow night. The German agrees to throw Hudson twice in an hour, and he will have his hands full in doing so. Hudson recently defeated Joe Turner, of Washington, here.

MINISTERS PROMINENT IN SPORT



REV. DR. WILLIAM S. RAINSFORD.

REV. GEORGE B. CUTTEN.

of New York, now hunting in Africa, is a great angler and shot. He is also a golf enthusiast.

Once a Yale centre rush, who has not given up the game because of his profession. He never misses an opportunity to den a football suit.